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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDONESIA

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH SABIR, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DCM WAS ASKED TO INQUIRE OF WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SECRETARY HAD RAISED WITH PRIME MINISTER FRASER, DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOI. ACCORDING DIRECTOR, GOI PUZZLED BY APPARENT DESIRE FOR FRIENDLINESS AS EVIDENCED BY INCREASED AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, WHILE AT SAME TIME FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK AND OTHERS EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL OF TIMOR IN WHAT GOI CONSIDERS UNNECESSARY PUBLIC EMPHASIS.

2. SABIR RECALLS THAT DURING U.S. -GOI BILATERALS IN JUNE, FRASER'S REPORTED REMARKS REGARDING AUSTRALIA AND PEKING WERE MENTIONED. AT THAT TIME THE SECRETARY ALLEGEDLY MENTIONED POSSIBILITY AUSTRALIAN VIEWS BASED ON NERVOUSNESS RE INDONESIAN INTENTIONS TOWARDS PAPUA NEW GUINEA BUT PROMISED QUERY FRASER DURING HIS LATER VISIT.

3. IN SABIR'S WORDS, GOI DESIRES IMPROVEMENT RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA BUT NEEDS AMMUNITION PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO, WHOSE VISCERAL REACTIONS

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TO AUSTRALIAN TRUE OR ALLEGED OPINIONS OF GOI HAVE STILL

NOT BEEN COMPLETELY EASED.

4. THE FOREGOING REQUEST IS IN PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER
VISIT TO INDONESIA BY FRASER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER THE
DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE FOR US TO PASS TO SABIR.
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